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Sent: 1/4/2021 5:26:57 PM
To: Verhalen, Frances [verhalen.frances@epa.gov]
Subject: REVISED Draft fact sheet on Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico
Attachments: DRAFT Fact Sheet NM Complaint vs Sterigenics 1-4-21.docx

The revised technical information is at the end of the document (permit & emissions info).

From: Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, January 4, 2021 10:58 AM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico

David Garcia said to tell you thank you for this fact sheet. He appreciates your presentation and has shared with Ken and Gray.

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To: Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico

These are the latest draft talking points. I don't know if HQ ever signed off on them. I never heard back from them.

The only way to find out if the facility is in compliance with its permit is to call the state. I'm not sure who to call there.

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12/23/20

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO v. STERIGENICS
Filed 12/22/20

Summary:

On December 22, 2020 the State of New Mexico filed a lawsuit under state law against Sotera Health Company, the parent company of Sterigenics, a medical equipment sterilizing company. The suit specifically addresses a Sterigenics facility in Santa Teresa, Dona Ana County, NM and potential health risks from emissions of ethylene oxide.

Is EPA involved in the NM lawsuit?

No. It is a state action under state law. No federal subject-matter jurisdiction exists in the NM lawsuit.

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From: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>
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Subject: Urgent:Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico

As requested previously need talking points. Ken is now wanting to know if facility is in compliance with air permit, I reached out to need.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Garcia, David" <Garcia.David@epa.gov>
Date: December 23, 2020 at 8:27:00 AM CST
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Subject: FW: Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico

Terrie,

I noticed you are acting today. Pls refer to attachment related to a law suit from the State of New Mexico vs Sterigenics (Dona Ana Cty). As possible questions could arise to R6 over the next couple of weeks pls work with Ruben/Fran/Jeff to prepare some basic talking points. Upon completion I will forward to our Office of Public Affairs. I hesitate to give a deadline not knowing everybody's work schedule. Obviously the sooner we have this the better off we will be.

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Cc: Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Verhalen, Frances <verhalen.frances@epa.gov>
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Just making sure you saw this...

From: Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2020 7:06 AM
To: Koerber, Mike <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: Sterigenics Santa Teresa facility in New Mexico

Mike,

I just saw this this morning.

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/environment-and-energy/sterigenics-sued-over-ethylene-oxide-releases-in-new-mexico>

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